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TELEGRAMS.

COAL CRISIS.

STRIKE BILL.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, Mar. 16, 2.5 p.m.

A special Cabinet meeting has been held to consider the Strike Bill.

GENEROUS TREATMENT.

The railways in England have made further large cuttings. The Midland Company is advancing sums to their unemployed servants on the understanding that they will be repaid when the men return to full work.

NEGOTIATIONS BROKEN OFF.

London, Mar. 17.

The Miners' Federation announces that negotiations have been broken off.

The ranks of the unemployed were swelled by thousands yesterday, for example: Paisley thread mills, 12,000 men; locomotive works, Swindon, 8,000; linoleum mills, Oldham, 5,000; textile machinery works, Accrington, 5,000; while a thousand commercial travellers in Manchester have been ordered to take a holiday. There are hopes that the miners' own desire to resume provides the best prospect of an end to the strike, even among the extremists in South Wales, represented by angry leaders who are causing them to believe that the strike will be settled in their favour within three days. The "Daily News" says the proposed Bill will empower the Government to work mines the owners of which refuse to accept the principle of the minimum wage.

PROPOSED BILL.

It is expected that the Minimum Wage Bill will be introduced in the House of Commons on Tuesday, and it is hoped it will be passed by the end of the week, though it is recognised there are many difficulties to be faced. The Government's position is most delicate, for on the one hand the Labourites are likely to oppose any attempt to establish compulsory arbitration, while on the other hand the employers generally, sitting in the House of Commons will not accept the Bill unless it carries punitive powers against both parties. The "Times" follows the arguments for the protection of employers will follow the lines of the proposed Bill, which the Government intend to introduce in the House of Commons on Tuesday.

TELEGRAMS.

COAL CRISIS.

MINERS JUBILANT.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, Mar. 16, 8.35 p.m.

The proceedings at the Miners' Conference yesterday were enthusiastic, the delegates regarding the proposed Bill as a great triumph, not doubting that it will be of a character they will be able to approve. Mr. Albert Stanley, M.P., in an interview, said the miners believed their will would be enforced within a few days. The "Times," which praised Mr. Asquith's conduct during disheartening and laborious negotiations points out the possibility of the Bill having an opposite effect to ending the strike, considering it improbable that the Bill contemplated by the Government, and such as the Opposition would support and the House of Lords accept, could be exactly what the miners wish. The papers generally urge the miners to return to work immediately the Bill is passed in view of the distress which is increasing with the most alarming rapidity.

NO RESUMPTION.

The Miners' Federation states that their Executive has authorised them to consider the Minimum Wage Bill which is to be introduced immediately, with a view to safeguarding the miners' interests, but they cannot recommend any resumption of work until they see the final shape of the Bill. Mr. Asquith said that considering the extent of earnings lost and the number of people affected, the dispute was every day becoming a more serious menace to the well-being of the country.

PREPARING THE BILL.

At Mr. Asquith's request, the coalowners and the miners have appointed representatives to confer with the Government in the preparation of the Strike Bill.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

In an official statement, Mr. Asquith informed the Conference that though the Government have done their utmost they have regretfully concluded that an agreement is impossible, and other measures must therefore be taken. The Government would ask Parliament for a legislative declaration that a reasonable minimum wage, accompanied by safeguards for employers, should be a statutory portion of the contract of underground coalminers. Without pledging the Government to any precise form of machinery, Mr. Asquith indicated that district minima would be fixed locally by joint boards of employers and employees, each with a neutral, independent chairman, selected by the parties, or if necessary, by the Government. The Government's proposals included provisions for securing promptitude in the presentation of the parties' cases, and in the adjudication thereon. After hearing Mr. Asquith, both parties made statements as to their views, which the Government representatives undertook to consider.

TELEGRAMS.

COAL CRISIS.

AUDIENCE WITH THE KING.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, Mar. 16, 8.35 p.m.

Mr. Asquith, in an audience with the King, explained the strike position.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald was called into consultation at yesterday's meeting of the Cabinet in connection with the Strike Bill.

ALARMING PROSPECTS.

The prospects of swiftly increasing industrial paralysis are most alarming. Thousands were dismissed in Glasgow yesterday and the distress in the mining and iron districts in Scotland is most acute. Many of the miners have expressed their determination to resume work. Two hundred non-unionists returned to work yesterday at Bellshill mine in Lanarkshire. They were escorted thither by police whom the mob of strikers stoned. A dozen arrests were made, including some Poles and Welsh miners.

THE WORKERS' POWER.

Leader Hurlstorn in a speech last night said that compulsory arbitration would not settle the strike. "The outstanding fact," he declared, "is that the workers are masters of the situation. They have all the power and it is simply a question of how they use it."—Reuter.

HONGKONG UNIVERSITY

SIR CHARLES ELLIOTT ACCEPTS.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, March 17, 7.30 a.m.

Sir Charles Elliott, vice-chancellor of the University of Sheffield, has accepted the appointment as head of the University of Hongkong.—(Reuter.)

INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL

SCOTLAND'S SUCCESSES.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, March 17, 8 a.m.

Scotland won two international football matches, defeating England at Rugby by eight points to three at Edinburgh, and Ireland at Association by four goals to one at Belfast.—(Reuter.)

MINE EXPLOSION.

FIFTY KILLED.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, March 17, 8 a.m.

Fifty men were killed in an explosion in the Ballakoa colliery in South Wales.—(Reuter.)

TELEGRAMS.

CHANNEL COLLISION.

P. & O. LINER SUNK.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, March 17, 7.15 a.m.

The four-masted barque Pisagua struck the P. and O. liner Oceana, which sailed yesterday for Bombay, broadside on, four miles west of Beachy Head. The passengers and crew were landed at Newhaven and Eastbourne. The Oceana sank two miles from shore while being towed beachwards.

The Oceana went down slowly in twenty feet of water. Her side was crushed. She disappeared in twenty minutes, heeling right over. The captain and crew aboard were rescued by a tug. Several of the passengers were severely cut and bruised in the collision.

BOAT LIFESIZES.

The passengers and crew were saved by the mail boat Sussex and the lifeboats from Newhaven and Eastbourne. Miss Macfarlane, who was rescued from a capsize boat, was taken to an Eastbourne hotel. She says "The outstanding fact," he declared, "is that the workers are masters of the situation. They have all the power and it is simply a question of how they use it."—Reuter.

SEVEN PASSENGERS MISSING.

A passenger, Captain Hutchinson, of the Yorkshire Regiment, says that about sixteen first-class and thirty second-class passengers were on board and in bed. It was a clear night. It was about five o'clock in the morning when there was a terrible crash, and the Oceana, going full steam, shivered from stem to stern. The passengers immediately made for the deck. The conduct of the white women was splendid, but the men behaved abominably. The Portman and Company announce that they have accounted for all except seven passengers.

FEARED LOSS OF LIFE.

The influx of water was so great that many were wading in a depth of two feet. Lifeboats were speedily served out. The first boat launched did not clear the blocks properly, and was swamped. A lady was saved, but it is feared the remainder of the occupants were drowned. Captain Hutchinson's own boat made the Easbourne and was picked up in the timeliest fashion, as bailing had to be kept up continually.

TELEGRAMS.

CHANNEL COLLISION.

TWO BODIES FOUND.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, Mar. 17, 7.15 a.m.

The majority of the passengers landed at Newhaven and were most dejected. A number were injured, some having broken arms. Eighteen passengers arrived in London in night attire, wrapped in blankets and overcoats, the ladies with their hair down. Nine landed at Eastbourne, and it is feared four others were drowned through the capsizing of a boat, and also some of the crew. A French trawler arrived at Newhaven with two bodies, one that of a stewardess and the other that of a lascar. A number of the crew are missing, it is not known how many. Altogether, thirty-two passengers have arrived in London. A ship's carpenter had a leg amputated.

SALVAGE OF BULLION.

It is hoped to save the bullion from the Oceana, whose masts are showing above water.—Reuter.

NO NEWS OF THE MISSING.

Enquiries at Eastbourne elicit the fact that there is no news of the missing occupants of the first boat. It is now regarded as certain that seventeen occupants of the boat have been drowned. There is a violent gale in the Channel.—Reuter.

AMERICAN TARIFF.

FREE SUGAR BILL.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, March 16, 8.35 p.m.

Reuter's Washington correspondent states that the House has passed the Free Sugar Bill.

THE "MAINE" SUNK.

IMPOSING CEREMONY.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, Mar. 17, 3.50 p.m.

A message from Havana states that the U.S. battleship Maine which was recently refloated has been sunk off the Cuban coast after an imposing ceremony. The deck was strewn with flowers, while the warships fired salvos. The bodies of the crew will be taken to the United States for interment.—Reuter.

CORN CROPS.

ARGENTINE RECORD.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, Mar. 17, 3.50 p.m.

A message from Buenos Ayres reports the second official estimate of the crops as follows:—Corn, 4,610,000 tons; Flax, 595,000 tons; Oats, 877,300 tons. Although the crop will not be so heavy as at first estimated, it will be larger than last crop. As for maize, it will constitute a record.—(Reuter.)

TELEGRAMS.

CHINA IN TRANSITION.

A FINANCIAL HITCH.

[Our Own Correspondent.]

Shanghai, Mar. 18, 0.20 a.m.

The international banking group has suspended payments to China because Tang Shao-yi failed to disclose that negotiations were proceeding for a Belgian loan.

JAPAN TO HELP.

London, March 17, 7.30 a.m.

Reuter's New York correspondent states that at a luncheon in honour of the new Japanese Ambassador, Mr. Jacob Schiff declared that American and European bankers had consented to invite Japan to help to finance China. Japan was the greatest peace guarantee in the East, standing like a sentinel over Asia, and he was thankful Japan, instead of Russia, was victorious in the late war.

APPOINTMENT OF MINISTERS.

Shanghai, March 16.

The appointment of Cabinet Ministers has been postponed for the present in consequence of the friction that is manifesting itself between the people of the north and the south.

The new President has announced his intention of retaining the services of the secretaries who formerly served under Dr. Sun Yat-sen.

AGITATION AT SHANGHAI.

The soldiers at Shanghai are greatly dissatisfied with the manner in which Chan Kwei-mo has been administering the Government. Closely following the recent agitation by the troops against him a plot to assassinate him with bombs has been discovered. He is reported to have since left for Hongkong.

OUTRAGE AT SWATOW.

Swatow, March 17.

It is reported that on Saturday night the German Consulate was fired. Two German cruisers are now proceeding to that port in consequence.—"Shat Po."

TRIPOLI WAR.

ITALY'S TERMS.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, March 16, 1.40 p.m.

Italy yesterday replied to the Powers' enquiry of the 11th inst., stating the terms on which she would end the war.—(Reuter.)

THE BOAT RACE.

OXFORD'S TRIAL.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, March 16, 2.5 p.m.

The Oxford eight rowed a full course trial under unfavourable conditions, the time being 22min. 5sec.—(Reuter.)

TELEGRAMS.

GERMAN POLITICS.

DEFENCE REVENUE.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, Mar. 17, 11.45 a.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Berlin states that the Government has decided to obtain increased revenue for the army and navy by cancelling the rebate in excise duties hitherto enjoyed by rural distilleries and appropriating surpluses from existing taxation. Herr Wermuth strongly favoured an inheritance tax and was strongly opposed to the utilisation of the present revenue for fresh expenditure.—Reuter.

WERMUTH RESIGNS.

London, March 16, 2.50 p.m.

Reuter's correspondent in Berlin states that Herr Wermuth has resigned the Imperial Secretaryship of Finance owing to disagreement with the new Defence Bills. Herr Kuhsin, Under-Secretary, succeeds him.

HOME POLITICS.

UNOPPOSED RETURN.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

Mr. Rupert Guinness has been returned unopposed for South-East Essex.—(Reuter.)

COURT AFFRAY.

LEADER WOUNDED.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, March 16, 2.5 p.m.

Reuter's Rangoon correspondent wires that a mounted posse stormed Sydney Allen's house. Allen, a leader of the notorious gang, was seriously wounded, and several others were captured.

CANTON NEWS.

[Telegraph Correspondent.]

Canton, March 16.

The Provisional Council has circulated handbills amongst the members drawing attention to the telegram that was recently received from Wuchang inviting delegates to attend the conference that was to be held at Wuchang, and stating that a meeting for the purpose of electing delegates to represent Canton will be held on Monday, March 18.

On Friday about seventy per cent. of the shops resumed business for the first time since the recent riots. The city gates, however, are still heavily guarded day and night by the soldiers. In order to avoid any threat the Governor-General has issued a statement to the effect that Wong Wo-shun, the insurgent chief, has escaped and that his followers have dispersed. He explains that the stationing of soldiers at the gates of the city is only adopted to secure the further maintenance of peace.

During the revolt in Canton a great nuisance was created by the presence of the corpses of the slain in the streets. Energetic steps are now being taken to prevent any outbreak of disease by thoroughly cleaning and disinfecting the streets.

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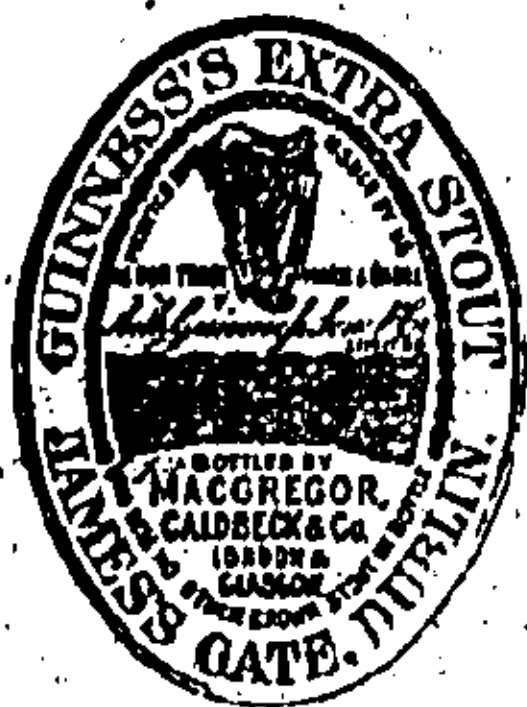
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OUR
CONTEMPORARIES.

WHAT THEY THINK.

China Mail.

Hall and Farewell.

Speaking the other evening at the dinner given by the Chinese committee of the University Bazaar, His Excellency let drop one pregnant remark which showed how completely all his time had been surrendered to work for the Colony ever since he became its Governor. He said that the number of questions presented for his consideration were so many that he had had no time for reading anything except the local papers. We can quite believe it. It is to be hoped that a short period of rest now intervenes and that he will have an opportunity of making up at least some portion of the long delayed arrears in this regard. It has been a matter for much genuine regret in the Colony that throughout His Excellency's stay amongst us, the condition of Lady Lugard's health has occasioned him much acute anxiety. It is sincerely to be hoped that removal to another climate will effect the improvement which we all hope to see brought about, and that right speedily.

Daily Press.

The Ultimate Goal.

Tariff Reform may lead to an improvement in the rates of wages, but in that event it would be equally certain to lead to increased cost of living and a restriction of the country's foreign trade consequent upon the enhanced cost of production. What ever solution may now be found can be at best, we think, but a temporary expedient. The ultimate goal seems to be the elimination of the capitalist; and it is plain that the nationalisation of mines is being brought within the range of practical politics by reason of the insecurity of private capital which this national strike of coal miners illustrates. Nothing could be fairer than the proposals which Mr. Asquith has been urging both sides to adopt, namely, the fixing of a minimum wage for each district by a small board or committee composed of representatives of the owners and the miners, with a representative of the Government as a sort of referee. A basis of settlement ought to be possible on these lines, but inasmuch as negotiations with a view to secure the voluntary adoption of this solution have proved fruitless, it can only be hoped that there is better possibility of putting the scheme into operation by legislative action. The present situation cannot long endure, we should think, without drawing the country to the verge of a civil war.

South China Morning Post.

Vaccination.

Some interesting data is furnished in another column about the epidemic of small-pox from which the colony has suffered with exceptional severity this spring. Small-pox, one of the most dreaded of diseases, is an annual visitor, but not for many years has it attacked Hongkong with such virulence as it has lately manifested. The returns furnished by the medical officer of health are happily showing a declining tendency, but the year 1912, even if the epidemic should now cease, will go down in the annals of Hongkong as one of its "black years" from the small-pox point of view. A well-known medical gentleman who has made the epidemic a special study, informs that the mortality among those affected is "somewhere in the vicinity of 73 per cent. The indefiniteness of the statement is, of course, due to the fact that many cases, notwithstanding the rigidity of the law on the subject, have not been notified and that Hongkong affords peculiar facilities for Chinese either to escape observation or make themselves scarce at the first sign of infection.

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CRIME AND KINGSHIP.

The regular recurrence of crimes such as the attempted assassination of the King of Italy inevitably cause reflections upon the dangers attendant upon kingship, or rather upon the leadership of a nation whether monarchical or republican. It must be remembered that the assassin thrives equally well in countries where the head of the state is chosen by popular election as in lands where the rulership is a hereditary prerogative. France and the United States have experienced the loss of Presidents who have fallen beneath the hands of criminals, and sovereigns of countries where the power of the Crown is strictly limited have not found immunity. The act of the would-be regicide in countries where popular government is denied, or barely tolerated, is understandable, though, of course, not justifiable. The "removal" of a Tsar simply means the change of the personality of the ruler, perhaps for the worse, and almost certainly an aftermath of stern repression the effects of which are felt most severely by the class from which the regicide sprang. But it is scarcely to be wondered at that men smarting under real political wrongs in conditions such as those that prevailed in Russia in the past, should brood until the murder of the sovereign seemed to them a righteous and commendable act, when a man of the refinement and genius of Algernon Charles Swinburne could persuade himself that he was committing no moral wrong when he wrote a poem glorifying regicide.

The existence of men of the Dalba type has to be accepted as one of the dangers that rulers and their advisers must keep ever in mind. It is a danger that cannot be entirely obviated. The discoveries of the chemist have placed weapons in the hands of the assassins with which murder can be swiftly and suddenly accomplished. The huge growth of modern cities, besides other dangers, renders the task of the police of keeping under surveillance criminals of the Dalba type well-nigh impossible. It may be also that a growing tolerance of a freedom of thought that would have been deemed highly dangerous in even the most progressive countries in the earlier portion of the nineteenth century, is responsible in some part for these lamentable murders or attempted murders. Liberty is a heady draught, and he who quaffs too freely is apt, if his head is not strong, to achieve the swoon of mental intoxication when Anarchy seems a beatific vision. At this hour of the world's progress to speak of the danger of allowing entire liberty of thought would be to invite criticism, if not ridicule; yet it may be allowable to question whether the civilized world has been entirely wise to remove the brakes upon progress with so much haste. All depends upon whether the road being traversed leads upwards or downwards. If upwards the brakes would be a useless and unnecessary encumbrance; if downwards the coach will be in peril, in the absence of the brakes, of going faster than the horses, overtaking and crushing them, and toppling itself to utter ruin.

DAY BY DAY.

Who climbs high must fear a fall.

To-day's Paper.

Our London Letter appears today on page 3, where also will be found the coupon for the Photographic Competition. On page 8 is local sport.

The English Mail of Feb. 17 was delivered in London on the 16th inst.

At the Magistracy this morning, a man was fined \$1 for gambling in the streets.

Three bodies have been found in the streets by the police. In one case death was due to small-pox.

For returning from banishment a Chinese was sent to gaol for six months with hard labour, at the Magistracy, this morning.

A Chinese dressed in European attire was fined \$5 at the Magistracy, this morning, for having in his possession one hundred percussion caps without permission.

At the Royal Colonial Institute on February 27, Archdeacon Judd Barnett read a paper on "Hongkong's Part in China's Reform." Sir J. Bevan Edwards presided.

At the Magistracy, this morning, a Chinese soldier was fined \$25 or one month's imprisonment with hard labour, for having in his possession a revolver without the necessary permit.

At the Marine Court this morning, before Commander C. W. Beckwith, two boat masters were each fined \$10 for mooring their boats within 100 yards of low water mark in a prohibited place and during prohibited hours.

At a meeting of the Senate of the Belfast University on the 17th ultimo, the Vice-Chancellor in the chair, Sir John Newell Jordan, British Minister in Peking, a graduate of the University, was elected Pro-Chancellor in the room of the late Sir Robert Hart.

The death took place at the Shanghai General Hospital on Feb. 11, of Mr. George Neesen of Messrs. Melchers & Co. The deceased, who was twenty-four years of age, came from the Bremen office of the company about a year ago and soon became very popular among the German community.

The Mexican Revolt.

A Washington telegram to the "China Press," dated March 12, says:—The greatest battle fought in America since the civil war is expected in Mexico between the cities of Chihuahua and Torreon, when the advancing federalists meet the strongly entrenched rebels. The state of Durango is seething with the revolution and a hundred Americans have been besieged in the city of Durango. Most of them are mining men. General Orozco is holding Chihuahua.

The Speculative Spirit.

It appears to be quite a common practice when a good company occupies the boards at the theatres for Chinese to purchase tickets in advance, and offer them for sale at the time of the performance at enhanced prices. These ticket vendors are guilty of hawking without a licence, and that the practice is an illegal one was manifested at the Magistracy to-day, when three offenders were fined \$3 each or, in the alternative, seven days.

An Investiture.

The investiture of the Hon. Mr. E. A. Hewett with the Order of the Companionship of St. Michael and St. George, took place at the farwell At Home given at Government House on Friday last. Mr. Hewett was escorted to the dais by the Hon. Mr. W. Chatham, C.M.G., and the Hon. Mr. A. Brown, C.M.G. His Excellency Sir Frederick Lugard, after referring to Mr. Hewett's many and important public services, invested him with the decoration of the order.

On Sunday the police found the body of a Chinese hanging from a tree in Aberdeen.

At Manila on March 14 the thermometer registered 92.8 degrees at noon and stayed at the same height until about 4 p.m.

The Colony's Health.

During the week ended March 16, ten cases of plague were reported and nine deaths. Thirty-six cases of small-pox occurred and twenty-seven deaths.

Storm at Hankow.

A Shanghai telegram to the "Shat Po" reports that on Thursday a severe storm swept over Hankow, many mudsheds and houses collapsed, while a good number of junks were capsized in the river. The casualties are said to be many.

Notice to Mariners.

Mr. W. Fred Tyler, Coast Inspector, has issued the following notice to mariners:—Santao District; notice is hereby given that the Kaiser Rock Buoy has been shifted. From the new position of the Buoy, the Kaiser Rock bears S. 47 deg. W. and distant 1.9 cables.

Governor-General Forbes.

Governor-General Forbes was to leave Manila on March 15 on the transport Sheridan for Nagasaki. At Nagasaki Mr. Forbes will leave the transport and proceed to Shanghai. He goes from Shanghai to Dairen, and at Dairen Mr. and Mrs. Willard Straight will join his party for the journey over the Trans-Siberian railway. Mr. Forbes plans to reach New York the first week in May. He will pay his respects to President Taft and Secretary Stimson and then visit his mother in Massachusetts. Subsequently he will go to his ranch in Wyoming for a long hunting and fishing trip.

International Firemen's Congress.

From a circular which has reached Shanghai it is learnt that steps are being taken to hold the sixth International Firemen's Congress in St. Petersburg in May next. The dates fixed for the congress are from May 25 to 28, and it is to be held under the auspices of the Imperial Russian Firemen's Association, the International Fire Service Council, with the authority of the Russian Government and with the consent of H. I. H. the Grand Duchess Marie Pavlovna. In conjunction with the congress an international fire prevention and salvage service exhibition will be organized, to be carried on from May to June. Four sections will be comprised in the congress, these being as follows:—(1) Fire prevention; (2) fire extinction; (3) insurance organization against fire; and (4) first aid in case of accidents. After the congress it is proposed to organize a trip to Moscow.

HUGHES COMEDY CO.

The Hughes Comedy Company is still going great guns at the Victoria Theatre. They had a packed house on Saturday night, and the fun was fast and furious. "Fiddle Dee" was as fresh on a second visit as on the first, and that is a good test of the merit of a piece.

THE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP.

The result of the draw for the first round of the tennis championship held annually in connection with the Hongkong Cricket Club is as follows:—

First round:—R. D. Stewart v. F. Bevington; H. A. Nisbet v. A. O. Storey; and Maj. F. Hunter v. Capt. R. D. Crawford.

The following who have byes in the first round enter the second, with the winners in the first:—R. T. C. Master v. R. T. Stone; Capt. G. H. Addison v. A. R. Sutherland; E. A. Fowler v. A. H. Crook; L. Sandorock v. Capt. C. A. James; J. W. Stephenson v. J. C. Wilson; Col. L. Hamilton v. G. A. Cook; A. P. H. Rouquette v. E. R. Hallifax; Surgeon A. R. Fisher v. Lt. E. C. Annabheim; H. H. Eggers v. E. D. Green; Lt. A. Breton v. Lt. N. J. Willson; H. Hancock v. Capt. Brierley; A. Joseland v. Lt. A. U. Collis Brown; A. C. E. Elborough v. C. H. Rose; Lt. H. F. Carter v. Lt. F. N. Alwood.

THE CRIMINAL ASSIZES.

Five Years for Assault.

This morning at the Courts of Justice, Mr. Justice Gompertz opened the March Criminal Assizes, to which only four cases had been sent up for trial.

The first case concerned Ng Hing, who was charged with assault, with intent to rob.

Prisoner pleaded guilty.

The Hon. Mr. Rees-Davies, Attorney-General, prosecuting, said that on Feb. 6 at about 7.20 p.m., prisoner and two other men unknown to the Crown engaged a woman who had a junk off Yaumati, to row them to a cargo boat. When some distance from the shore prisoner seized the woman, put his hand over her mouth and told her not to cry out, threatening that if she did so, he would cut her and throw her into the harbour. The woman managed to scream, and prisoner drawing a knife, cut her over the head, inflicting serious wounds. The men then jumped overboard, but prisoner was caught subsequently.

He was sentenced to five years imprisonment with hard labour and twelve strokes of the cat.

The Acoustics of the Court.

Chan Cheung, Lau Yau-shan, Leung Sing, and Mak Cheung, were charged with robbery with violence and larceny from a house in Mongkoktsui.

Lau Yau-shan and Leung Sing pleaded guilty to the first charge, but all denied their guilt with regard to a second charge arising out of the affair.

The jury was composed of the following:—Messrs. Hedley, G. White, W. Davison, A. R. F. Roven, W. Waterhouse, H. H. Solomon, C. D. Sullivan, J. B. Thomson.

The Attorney-General prosecuted, and from his opening statement, which was all but inaudible at the Press bench, it was gathered that on Feb. 21 three men entered a house in Portland Street, Mongkoktsui, leaving the fourth outside. They went up on to the second floor, where there were three women. The men by threatening them with knives obtained from them the key of a safe which was in the room, and after ransacking that got away with goods valued in all at \$330.

In the result each man was sentenced to five years' imprisonment with hard labour, and twelve strokes of the cat.

THE COURTS OF JUSTICE.

Another Complaint.

The difficulties of the Press have been further enhanced in the smaller court at the Courts of Justice. As originally laid out the witness box came between the jury and the windows, with the result that the jury were unable to observe the facial expression of men giving evidence. To remedy this defect the Puisne Judge, Mr. Justice Gompertz, transferred the jury to the other side of the court and arranged for the witness to stand in the well facing both judge and jury.

As a result of this change counsel when addressing the jury has to turn his back to the Press with the result that the inconvenience caused by the bad acoustics is intensified, by the difficulty of catching a speech, the speaker's face being turned away.

The only satisfactory solution would be to re-arrange entirely the whole seating of the court.

NAVAL NEWS.

H.M.S. Cambrian proceeded today to Mirs Bay.

H.M.S. Kent arrived at Hongkong this morning.

H.M.S. Astrea is expected here on Thursday.

H.M.S. Moorhen arrived here yesterday to pay off and recommission.

H.M.S. Hawke with relief crews for Waterwitch and River Gunboats arrives this evening.

The death has occurred in New South Wales of Captain A. S. Heathcote, King's Royal Rifles, who won the Victoria Cross in connection with the siege of Delhi.

St. PATRICK'S DAY.

Sermon by Rev. Fr. Falso.

Yesterday was the day dedicated to St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, and in the four corners of the world Irishmen celebrated the occasion. At Home, in Australia, Canada, and America banquets and processions were held in celebration of the occasion. Locally the great day was not forgotten, and the Irishmen of the Colony toasted the patron saint with the fervour of their countrymen who meet annually at the Hotel Cecil, under the presidency of the leader of the Nationalist party. Shamrock was conspicuous by its absence, but many sported green ribbons and neck-ties.

At St. Joseph's Church special mass was celebrated by Bishop Pozzoni, assisted by three priests, and the Rev. Father Falso of Manila, who is enjoying a rest here after a serious operation on the throat, preached a fine sermon on the loyalty of Irish Catholics. In all parts of the world, said Father Falso, one could find Irishmen who had fought the strenuous fight for the liberty of the Catholic Church, and particularly so in the cities of Europe. Wherever they found true Irishmen they found practical catholicity. The Irish man or woman who followed the advice, and carried out the practices of their mothers, famous the world-wide for their virtue and faithfulness, could not be insincere or depart far from the narrow path of honesty and straight forwardness. The Irish mother was an example to the women of the world; she was all that was good, the very embodiment of virtue. He had met Irishmen—big fine fellows—who had fallen victims to the temptations of the world, but in practically every instance where they had experienced in their childhood the beautiful influences of Irish home life their last thoughts, as they lay on their death bed, were for their dear old mothers and their church. When the word Irish was used in connection with Catholicism it was synonymous with loyalty. The Irish race was a great and glorious one, and it behooved every Irishman to lead a life which would not tarnish the beautiful record of his kinsmen.

At the Bijou Theatre the Sisters Price rendered Irish songs and danced Irish dances for which they were warmly applauded by patriotic Hibernians, particularly those of His Majesty's Army and Navy, who were present in good numbers.

THE MESSIAH.

Preparations For Good Friday.

In accordance with the usual custom, selections from Handel's "Messiah" will be rendered in St. John's Cathedral on Good Friday at 9.15 p.m.

For this occasion Mr. Denman Fuller has obtained a large chorus than in former years, there being such a ready response to his invitation to local singers to assist, that the choruses will be rendered by some 80 voices, among whom are many of the colony's principal amateurs. Rehearsals are already in full swing and the selections chosen from this noble work bid fair to be sung in a worthy manner.

Though all recognise the beauty of this oratorio it is not generally known in what a short space of time it was completed. A note by Handel on the manuscript states that he commenced it on Aug. 22, 1741, and a statement at the end gives the date of completion as Sept. 12 of the same year.

UNIVERSITY BAZAAR.

Yesterday's receipts at the University Bazaar amounted to \$3,000, and the officials state that, up to the present a profit of \$20,000 is shown. "To-morrow is the last day, and articles of every description amounting in value to many thousands of dollars are to be sold at any price. Anyone with money to spare should certainly seize the opportunity."

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Secret Societies.

The salutary sentences, passed upon the two principals in connection with the secret society charges heard recently at the Magistracy, will be generally held to have been entirely justified. Hongkong is beginning to be looked upon by the better class Chinese in the neighbouring provinces, as a haven of refuge. It is recognised that here life and property are well safeguarded; that, considering the conditions, there is as much security for the ordinary law-abiding resident as in any part of the world. That Hongkong should continue to deserve the reputation it has won is clearly greatly to be desired, and the onus of enabling her to do so rests largely in the hands of the Magistrates. If the punishment is always made to fit the time, it will be possible, without the aid of extraordinary measures, to maintain peace and order in the community.

Nature Fakers.

Mr. Roosevelt is, we believe, the author of the expressive if slangy expression used to denote naturalists whose natural history is unnatural. We do not suggest that the writer of the following little story in the "Japan Times," is a nature faker; he may possibly be a man of veracity as unimpeachable as that of Mr. Roosevelt. Our contemporary reports that a carp about a foot and a half in length and a frog of remarkable size closed in a life-and-death fight in a Tokyo garden. For half an hour the Homeric contest continued when the frog got the carp under. Both combatants were by this time completely exhausted. They were separated by the interested spectators and, in the nervous English of the "Japan Times," "The carp dived deep in the water, crest-fallen, but the doughty frog is now preserved as an honoured appanage of the family of Mr. Kuroki, the owner of the garden."

Ultra Loyalty.

An incident that has been exciting some comment in the foreign papers published in Japan, throws an interesting light upon the manner in which medieval ideas persist in a country that has been borne far forward on the wave of modernism. A Japanese woman was arrested at Yokohama on a charge of having given offence to the Crown Prince. The offence consisted in crossing a bridge over a railway track along which the Crown Prince was expected to travel. It should be explained that the bridge is in reality the main Tokaido road beneath which the railway passes. There are stone parapets of over 5 ft. 6 in. on either side. The Crown Prince, himself, it is believed, is much opposed to the great inconvenience that is caused whenever he travels owing to the ultra-loyalty of the authorities. Were these precautions taken in order to ensure the safety of the Prince, of course, they would be perfectly understandable and justifiable, but this is not so. It is held to be grossly improper for a subject to be higher than a member of the Blood Royal, and the idea is basically the same as that which caused subjects in Peking to be ordered to keep within doors when Royalty was traversing the streets. It is a quaint survival.

Origin of "Home Rule."

The phrase "Home Rule," which is in everybody's mouth at Home, is of recent origin. Its originator was the Rev. Joseph Allen Galbraith, a Fellow of Trinity College and Professor in the University of Dublin, who used it for the first time—says Mr. Michael McDonagh in his "Parliament: Its Romance, &c."—at a meeting of the Irish Home Government Association in Dublin in 1870. It spread quickly. Isaac Butt, at the Home Rule Conference in 1873, said: "Over a torn and distracted country was raised the banner on which were emblazoned the magic words, 'Home Rule' and wherever the legend was seen the heart of the people moved to its words, and their spell." It has now become the accepted description of autonomy all the world over.

COMPANY REPORTS.

China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.

The following is the report for presentation to the shareholders at the thirty-fourth annual general meeting to be held at the offices of the General Agents, at noon on Monday, March 25, 1912.

The General Agents beg to submit to Shareholders their Report on the Company's business for the year 1911 with a Statement of Accounts to December 31 last.

During the first six months of the year under review the demand for the Refinery's sugars was limited and in consequence of keen competition prices remained at an unremunerative level.

During August and September they advanced sharply in sympathy with the rise in sugar all over the world, but the benefit of this was subsequently neutralised by the political disturbances in China during the last three months of the year which paralyzed the sugar trade and caused the year's working to result in a considerable loss.

In order to make provision for the payment of a dividend a sum of \$200,000.00 has been transferred from Equalization of Dividend Fund, to Profit and Loss Account, which then shows a balance at credit of \$104,183.37; the General Agents and Consulting Committee recommend that out of this a Dividend of \$5.00 per share be declared, absorbing \$100,000.00 and that the balance \$4,183.37 be carried forward to next Account.

Consulting Committee:—This consists of Hon. Sir C. P. Chater, C.M.G., and Messrs. E. Shellin, F. Maitland, J. W. C. Bonnar and H. P. White, who offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors:—The Accounts have been audited by Messrs. H. Percy Smith, F.C.A., and A. R. Lowe, C.A., the latter in the place of Mr. W. Hutton Potts, who resigned his appointment during the year.

Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., General Agents, Hongkong, March 6, 1912.

Profit and Loss Account for the year 1911.

To Remuneration to Consulting Committee.....	\$ 2,500.00
„ Auditors' Fees.....	750.00
„ Interest.....	67,855.34
„ Loss on Working.....	47,161.3
	\$118,516.73
By Balance brought forward from last year.....	104,183.37
	\$222,700.30

Balance Sheet, Dec. 31, 1911.

Capital 20,000 shares at \$100 each, fully paid up.....	\$2,000,000.00
Equalization of Dividend Fund.....	4,000,000.00
Repairs and Renewals Account.....	38,872.73
Sundry Creditors.....	1,872,357.3
Balance of Profit and Loss Account, as per Statement.....	104,183.37
	\$4,115,413.73

Assets.

Property Account consisting of:—	
East Point Refinery, Swatow Refinery, Hongkong Distillery, as per last Account.....	1,509,243.03
Cash.....	4,517.50
Raw and Refined Sugar, &c.....	2,411,450.33
Charcoal, Coal, Stores, Launch, &c.....	184,015.10
Sundry Debtors.....	106,907.11
Shipments \$269,553.78	
Loss Advances.....	70,319.16
	\$4,115,413.73

Liabilities.

Property, as per last account.....	615,312.35
Cash in Hand.....	1,615.01
Persons at par.....	17,237.76
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corp. Ltd. at par.....	159,131.70
Stocks of Raw and Refined Sugar, &c.....	159,131.70
Stocks of Coal, Charcoal, Stores, &c.....	15,927.99
Accounts Receivable.....	3,636.00
Profit and Loss Account.....	68,600.07
Balance as per Statement.....	\$411,883.01

Hongkong, February 14, 1912.

Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., General Agents.

H. P. White, J.W.C. Bonnar,

Consulting Committee.

Auditor's Report.—I have audited the above Balance Sheet with the Books in Hongkong and the accounts and returns certified by the Company's Agents at Manila and find such Balance Sheet in accordance therewith. In my opinion the Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the Company's affairs at December 31, 1911, according to the best of my information and the explanations given to me and as shown by the books of the Company.

I have obtained all the information and explanations I have required.

A. R. Lowe, C.A., Auditor.

Hongkong, March 1, 1912.

Hongkong, March 6, 1912.

Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., General Agents.

C. P. Chater, E. Shellin, H. P. White, Members of

Consulting Committee.

We have examined the Accounts of the Company with the Books and Vouchers for the year ending December 31, 1911. We have obtained all the information and explanation we have required.

A. R. Lowe, C.A., Auditor.

Hongkong, March 1, 1912.

A SINGAPORE SENSATION.

Houndeditch Raid Recalled.

One of the most exciting episodes in local police history was enacted last night in one of the Chinese quarters of Singapore, says the "Straits Times" of March 11. Broadly speaking, it resembled in some respects the notorious Houndeditch affair, a large block of buildings being surrounded and besieged while a vigorous chase was made over roofs and through houses for a gang of armed desperadoes. The result is that two of the latter are now in custody, another is in hospital, presumably dying from the effects of a self-inflicted stab wound in his stomach, and there were some very tired officers on duty this morning.

Late yesterday evening an informer reported at the Central Police Station that a gang of criminals had foregathered in a brothel in Upper Hokien Street for the purpose of concealing a big organised robbery. A detective was sent with the informer to spy out the land and was taken to the houses in question. There, however, the informer gave the game away. He led the detective to the scene and then, in the hearing of the assembled gang, he exclaimed: "There are the men!" The gang took alarm and fled for freedom by diverse ways. Information was sent to the police station and, in a few minutes, a cordon of policemen had been drawn round the block in which the brothel is situated—a block bounded by Upper Hokien Street, South Bridge Road, Upper Macao Street and New Bridge Road. The intention of the cordon was to prevent the escape of anyone from the block and while they maintained a state of siege, another body carried on a systematic search of the buildings. The gravity in which the affair was viewed may be gauged by the fact that the search was personally conducted by Captain Chancellor, C. P. O., Captain Anderson, Asst. Supt. Sheedy, Detective Inspector Taylor and Inspector Frayne.

It was about midnight when they started operations, taking the aforesaid brothel as their base. There they found a number of broadcloth suits, Billwood tops, spectacles, brown leather boots and other articles of fashionable wear—the gang's garb of respectability which had been discarded for habiliments more suited to the felonious task to which they had set themselves. The owners of the clothes were known to be in the buildings. They had taken to the roofs as affording more chances of escape and thither the police followed them, and for the next three hours there was a sensational chase, the quarry dodging and doubling among the roof with the pursuers sometimes at their heels and sometimes tramping round in the dark in a vague hunt for their traces. Police whistles were blown at all points of the square and only added to the confusion. When one of the cordon saw, or imagined he saw, a figure on the roof he blew, and a rush would be made to his quarters, with usually no result.

At the very outset of the proceedings three men managed to slide down a waterpipe into Upper Macao Street. Two reached the ground safely and bolted—this was just before the cordon was completely drawn round—but as the third man was descending the pipe broke and he crashed to the ground. He lay there for a minute recovering (according to the story of a Malay resident who states he saw the incident) and then was able to get up and limp off.

After an exhausting chase two of the criminals were caught on the roof and safely taken to the lock-up. A third was hunted down and cornered. Just as a policeman was on the point of arresting him he drew out a knife and stabbed himself in the stomach. He had to be taken to hospital, from which he is not expected to emerge alive. That accounted for six of the gang, but there were known to be eight in all. Of the last two no trace could be found whatever, although the main body of police kept up the siege and the search till 3 a.m. After that hour Inspectors Taylor and Frayne persisted, the former

until 8 a.m., but no more arrests were made.

In the course of the whole search every room in the block of buildings was visited and every roof was traversed. The latter process was not only arduous but, in places, fraught with danger. Some of the roofs creaked ominously with the weights of the pursuing parties, and the replacing of the many square yards of tiles that were knocked off will provide much work for someone. A number of knives were found on the roofs and in the street where they had been dropped by the criminals in flight. One of the prisoners also told the police that several revolvers had been thrown away on the roofs, but in spite of a rigorous search in daylight this morning, in which the police were aided by the Fire Brigade with its ladders, none was found.

All the gang are known to be bad characters and even the men who escaped are familiar to the police. It is hoped, therefore, that more arrests will be made shortly.

OUR SOCIAL BENEFAC-TORS.

To the ranks of our social benefactors we have to welcome a newcomer. We refer to the genius who has brought the anti-hill into the home. The thing has been given a trial in Paris, and is most satisfactory. The test was purposely severe, for the espionage that is to be found in the salons of Paris is a by-word. The salons of Paris do not really need anti-hills. So the triumph of the discovery is the greater. In every Paris salon you now find an anti-hill under a glass case, and although there was plenty of espionage in the pre-anti-hill days, yet, when you compare it with the espionage that exists at present, you see that the former atmosphere of the salon was almost chilly. The fact is that, though they may be overlooked, the tongue-tied are always with us. In some dark corner of the brilliantly decorated drawing room lurks some wretched creature who does not know anybody, has been neglected in the mass crush, and cannot pop off because he has lost his hat. And the influence of that individual is like a blight. His influence may not be felt. But it is there. It is a question of principle. That is why we are all for the anti-hill. Are you bored? Very well. Watch the anti-hill. "Busy little creatures, ants" is a conversational opening that must lead even the tongue-tied definitely onwards.—The "Globe."

The will of the late Sir George Henry Lewis, K.C., has been lodged for probate. The estate is sworn not to exceed £237,015. Many bequests to charities are provided for.

A Japanese, who had previously ascended Fujiyama nine times, was found frozen to death in a stone cave on the mountain on February 29.

Colonel Frederick John Colin Halkett, a Crimean veteran, has died at Worthing, aged eighty-six. He served with the Highland Light Infantry.

DON'T FORGET.

Wednesday, March 20. Annual General Meeting of the Hongkong Club, 5.15.

Thursday, March 21. The Gondoliers, Hongkong A. D. C., City Hall, p.m.

Friday, March 22. 21st Half Yearly Drawing of Debentures, Hongkong Club. The Gondoliers.

Saturday, March 23. The Gondoliers.

Monday, March 25. Annual Meeting China-Sugar Refining Co., noon.

Affiliated Meeting Luzon Sugar Refining Co., 12.15 p.m.

The Gondoliers.

Tuesday, March 26. The Gondoliers.

Wednesday, March 27. The Gondoliers.

March 30. Twenty-third Annual General Meeting of the Green Island Cement Co., 11.30 a.m.

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MANILA .. YUENSANG .. Saturday, 23rd Mar., 2 p.m.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & MOJI .. NAMSANGI .. Friday, 29th Mar., Noon.
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VICTORIA, B.O., & SEATTLE via SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, CHUO, & YOKOHAMA	TAMBA MARU, Capt. S. Wada, T. 7,000 SANUKI MARU, Capt. S. Ishikawa, T. 7,000	TUESDAY, 26th March, at Noon. TUESDAY, 8th April, at Noon.
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE and BRISBANE	NIKKO MARU, Capt. T. Yagi, T. 6,000 KUMANO MARU, Capt. M. Winkler, T. 6,000	FRIDAY, 16th March, at Noon. FRIDAY, 12th April, at Noon.
NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	YAWATA MARU, Capt. T. Yagi, T. 5,000	WEDNESDAY, 10th April, Noon.
KOBE & YOKOHAMA	HITACHI MARU, Capt. T. Yamazaki, T. 7,000	THURSDAY, 28th March, at 11 A.M.
BOMBAY via SINGAPORE & CO. LOMBO	BOMBAY MARU, Capt. T. Noguchi, T. 4,000	TUESDAY, 19th March.
SHANGHAI & KOBE	JINSEN MARU, Capt. Ma bidu, T. 4,000	MONDAY, 26th March.
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ATSUTA MARU	9,000	Wm. Thompson	April 24th.
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CHINKIANG	"NEWCHWANG" .. 20th .. 4 P.M.	
SHANGHAI	"CHENAN" .. 21st .. 4 P.M.	
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RUBI .. 4000	S. Oroby ..	Manila, Mangarin, Iloilo and Cebu.	WEDNESDAY, 20th March, 4 P.M.	
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Hongkong 11th March, 1912.

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Steamer	From	Expected on or about	For	Will leave on or about
Titaroon .. JAPAN	1st half Mar.	JAPAN	1st half Mar.	
Titanas .. JAPAN	1st half Mar.	JAPAN	1st half Mar.	
Tibodas .. JAPAN	1st half Mar.	SHANGHAI	1st half Mar.	
Tilmah .. JAPAN	1st half Mar.	JAPAN	1st half Mar.	
Tiliwong .. JAPAN	1st half Mar.	JAPAN	2nd half Mar.	
Tilmanek .. JAPAN	1st half Mar.	JAPAN	2nd half Mar.	
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PROPOSED SAILING FROM HONGKONG. (Subject to alteration.)

Steamer	Tons	Captain	Date of sailing
S.S. "Shinyo Maru" .. 21,000	H. S. Smith	Apr. 9th, Noon.	
S.S. "Chiyo Maru" .. 21,000	W. W. Green	May 7th, Noon.	
S.S. "Tenyo Maru" .. 21,000	E. Bent	June 4th, Noon.	

These steamers are equipped with Turbine Engines and Triple Screw.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG (Subject to Alteration.)

Steamer	Tons	Date of Sailing.
Buyo Maru .. 10,500	Tuesday, April 9, Noon.	
Hongkong Maru .. 11,000	Friday, June 7, Noon.	
Kiyo Maru .. 17,500	Saturday, Aug. 6, Noon.	

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TELEGRAPH."

LOG BOOK.

Freight Circular.

Messrs. Layne and Rogge's freight circular, dated Hongkong, March 10, contains the following:—The general position of the Southern market has changed but little. The business done during the fortnight under review is smaller than that of the preceding period, the underlying cause for this has, however, not altogether been a lack of demand, but the fact rather that prompt tonnage was practically all occupied, and owners holding for higher rates great difficulty is being experienced in placing some of the chartering orders put on our market at rates offered. The North reported last week that Tientsin and Newchwang had opened to tonnage traffic, but the mutiny which broke out in Peking on the 1st instant and the subsequent riots in Tientsin and elsewhere, have put the North in a very unsettled state again and trade generally is suffering in consequence. Latest reports, however, have it that the "liners" are for the time being well employed from the Yangtze.

Saigon-Hongkong.—Early in the fortnight there was inquiry after prompt tonnage at the rate of 14 cents per picul, on basis of which, however, owners were not willing to treat, and what little was offering has been taken, except in one instance, by the vessels on the regular run. Rates in this direction have, by slow degrees, been worked up to 14.1-2 cents, but paddy arrivals from the interior being very small, there seems to be no chance for fresh chartering business on a large scale for the present.

According to advices the rice crop in Cambodia is likely to be more or less a failure, and in consequence of this, the Government in Saigon has prohibited exports of rice, broken rice or rice bran, so far as regards Cambodia grain.

Exports during this season amount to total 38,288 tons as compared with 101,023 tons same period of last year. Quotation stands for April-May shipment No. 2. White round sifted \$5.92 per picul f. o. b. Saigon against \$5.18 same time last year.

From Saigon to Philippines, some fresh demand resulted in three further settlements. Steamers loading at Saigon for Philippines have mostly been delayed owing to scarcity of paddy.

Japan Rice Crop.—According to information received, the actual yield of the new crop is 7,120,333 tons. As compared with the original first estimate the above shows a decrease of 183,055 tons. Haiphong-Hongkong.—A small steamer was taken up to carry timber on lump sum basis.

Newchwang to Canton.—The first charter of the season is reported drawn from Newchwang to Canton at 20 cents for usual part cargo of 20,000 piculs.

Other charterers in order to ensure a quicker arrival of beans have decided to load at Dalny only, and two fixtures have come to pass, owners under the circumstances obtaining the same rate as paid from Newchwang.

Time-charter.—The Norw. s.s. Vestfold has been rechartered for the balance of her present time-charter, Norw. s.s. Doyre for cattle trade, Cochinchina to Philippines, and Norw. s.s. Haldia and Halvard's charters have been prolonged for a further period of 12 months at somewhat higher rate than last paid.

Coal Freight.—Tonnage to load from Japan was almost unobtainable, and there is only one fixture on record at \$2.25 per ton, which is "the highest rate paid since November last year." Fixtures reported: Moji-Hongkong \$2.25, Port Courbet-Canton \$2, Hongkong-Swato and Amoy \$1.60, \$2, and Pulo Laut-Canton \$2.48 per ton.

Sail Tonnage loading or to load.—For Baltimore and New York—None.
Sail Tonnage Discharged—None.
Deposits of Sailors—None.

LOCAL SPORT.

CRAIGENGOWER C. C. WIN THE SHIELD.

R. G. A. Defeated.

Craigengower continued their successful run when they defeated the R. G. A. team, on Saturday. It was a league match and in consequence of being victorious Craigengower have won the shield competition for the season. Scores:—

C. C. C.	
L. A. Rose o and b Paris	0
W. H. Vireaux o Clapham b Bagnall	1
R. Braga o Clapham b Paris	1
H. H. Taylor b Bagnall	4
G. A. Hancock b Paris	40
J. V. Braga o Hitecock b Bagnall	3
E. L. Braga o Joseph b Paris	20
R. A. Carvalho b Paris	5
R. Pestonji b Bagnall	8
J. S. Neria b Paris	4
C. Johnston not out	4
Extras	10
Total	100

Bowling Analysis.	
O. M. R. W.	
Lt. Bagnall	10-4 3 25 4
Lt. Paris	13 3 51 6
Capt. Crawford	3 11 11

R. G. A.	
Lt. Hitecock b Pestonji	20
Capt. Crawford b Taylor	0
Oats. Clapham o Hancock b Taylor	20
Lt. Paris b Braga	20
Lt. Morgan b Pestonji	4
Lt. Bagnall o Vireaux b Pestonji	0
Lt. Nicholson b Taylor	0
Gr. Joseph b Pestonji	10
Br. Frith b Taylor	8
Gr. Bush b Pestonji	3
Gr. D. not out	0
Extras	5
Total	82

Bowling Analysis.	
O. M. R. W.	
Taylor	18 6 27 4
Pestonji	11-15 24 5
Braga	7 1 26 1

Hongkong v. Civil Service.
An interesting match took place on Saturday afternoon between the Hongkong C.C. and the Civil Service C.C. on the former's ground. Some very bright cricket was witnessed but no definite result was arrived at. Thanks to the good scores of Sutherland and R. E. Bird for the Civil Servants, Hongkong was set the total of 199 for seven wickets to pass; they replied with 132 for three wickets. The scores were as follows:—

C. C. C.	
A. R. Sutherland o Joseph b	61
Maxin	0
R. C. Wittich b Joseph	0
F. A. Bird not out	0
H. T. Hume o Ward b Joseph	7
A. M. Thornhill, retired hurt	10
R. E. O. Bird not out	58
H. T. Jackson o Pearce b Ward	6
H. A. Cox b Ward	2
L. E. Brett b Donnelly	2
J. McEwen not out	31
E. W. Dawson did not bat	0
Extras	15
Total (for seven wickets)	199

Bowling Analysis.	
O. M. R. W.	
Comm. Ward	11 3 48 2
Joseph	9 4 23 2
Warburton	5 1 15 0
Makin	12 2 47 1
Donnelly	10 4 10 1
Pearce	1 1 4 0
Mans	9 1 16 1
Thursfield	1 1 16 1

Hongkong.	
Pearce o Tillman b Brock	0
Max b Brock	0
Clark b Brock	24
Makin not out	63
Gillingham not out	48
Thursfield, Joseph, Warburton, Matson, Donnelly and Ward did not bat.	
Extras	6
Total (for three wickets)	182

Kowloon v. K.O.V.L.I.
These teams met in a league match, played at King's Park on Saturday which resulted in a draw on time. Scores:

K.O.V.L.I.	
Corpl. Dempsey, c Raven, b	16
Forster Pegg	22
Pte. Clegg, b Foster Pegg	78
L. Corpl. Backhurst, c Raven, b	78
Foster	43
Pte. Castleman, c Sutton, b	43
Wesser	0
Pte. Digby, b Wesser	0
C. Sergt. Knight, not out	4
Pte. Hall, c Raven, b Foster Pegg	3
Pte. Brookhouse, Pte. Fullman, b	15
Pte. Lightfoot, did not bat.	
Extras	15
Total for 6 wickets	181

Bowling Analysis.	
O. M. R. W.	
Forster Pegg	17-3 2 65 4
Wesser	10 2 20 2
Wood, Capt.	3 0 27 0
Day, F. O.	4 0 25 0
Waterhouse, W.	8 3 11 0
Robinson, J. E.	2 0 19 0

Kowloon.

J. P. Robinson, b Dempsey	8
Lout, Williams, c and b Backhurst	10
W. Waterhouse, b Dempsey	18
W. J. Elton, b Lightfoot	22
Rev. Foster Pegg, c Vickers b	2
Dempsey	22
F. Sutton, b Lightfoot	10
W. L. Wesser, b Dempsey	10
A. R. F. Raven not out	5
Capt. Wood, not out	4
F. O. Dod	4
J. H. Mead, } did not bat	
Extras	0
Total	125

Bowling Analysis.

O. M. R. W.	
Dempsey	15 0 69 4
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FOOTBALL.

Schools' Senior League.

The final match in the Schools' Senior League will take place at 3 p.m., on Wednesday, 20th, on the H.K.F.C. ground, between St. Joseph's College and the Diocesan School. After the match Mr. J. R. Wood will hand the shield to the winning team. He will also present the cup and medals to this season's champions of the Junior League, the Diocesan School second team.

PERSIA'S POET.

A Neglected Tomb.

Such is the renown that Omar Khayyam enjoys in the Western world that one is almost shocked to learn how little honour is paid to the poet in his own country. In a book just published with the title "From Constantinople to the Home of Omar Khayyam," Professor Williams Jackson, of Columbia University, describes a visit he paid to Omar's tomb, some four miles from the Persian town of Nishapur. Few of Omar's countrymen, says the Professor, know of him at all, and then merely as "Doctor Khayyam," the astronomer. As a poet he is disregarded. "His very name recalls the hated Sunni Caliph Omar and the Arab conquest, and his wine-bibbling verses, except when given a strained mystical and allegorical interpretation by the Sufis, are taken literally; while his freedom of thought in expressing his attitude toward the One Eternal Being is looked upon as little less than blasphemy." Of the grave itself the writer says that it adjoins the mosque of the Imam-Zadeh Mah-rak, and his description of its surroundings recalls the charming story of Omar's own prophecy that "his grave would be where flowers in the spring time would shed their petals over his dust." Thus he says: "Upon reaching the arched portal of the entrance a mass of emerald bushes and yellow flowering shrubs, amid a profusion of rose blossoms, came into view. It was a truly typical Persian garden, with roughly outlined walks and stone-coped water-courses, and with shade trees and flowers on every hand."

The sarcophagus, we are told, "stands beneath the central one of three arched recesses, its niche measuring about 13ft. across, while the flanking arches measure about 10ft. each, and are empty. A couple of terraced brick steps lead up to the floor- ing where it rests. The oblong tomb is a simple case made of brick and cement, the poet's remains reposing beneath. Vandal scribbles (found in Persia as in every land) have decorated their names upon the brown mortar of the adjoining walls, thus disclosing the white cement underneath. A stick of wood, a stone and some fragments of shards profaned the top of the sarcophagus when we saw it. There was nothing else."

A French paper states that Sembrich has lost £500,000 by Wall street speculations, and will have to resume her career as a singer.

Sir Frederic Cowen can claim the distinction of having received the highest fee ever paid to a British conductor. For his services as conductor at the Melbourne Centennial Exhibition, at Melbourne, Australia he received £5,000.

POST OFFICE.

Only fully prepaid letters and post-cards are transmissible by the Siberian Route to Europe.

The Parcel Post system to the following places in China is for the present suspended:—Hapeh, Szechuan, Hunan, Kueichow and Tengyueh.

MAILS VIA SIBERIA.

Left	Due
London	Shanghai
February 28	March 15.
March 2.	March 19.

MAILS DUE.

Siberian, Yokohama, 19th inst.	
German, Lutzow, 21st inst.	
American, Korea, 22nd inst.	
American, Siberia, 1st prox.	
American, China, 8th prox.	

MAILS CLOSE.

Singapore, Penang and Calcutta—Per Vorwarts, 13th Mar., 9 a.m.	
Haiphong (C. King Mail for Pakhoi)—Per Hongkong, 19th Mar., 9 a.m.	
Shanghai, Moji and Kobe (Siberian Mail to Europe)—Per Empiro, 19th Mar., 11 a.m.	

Singapore—Per Atrous, 19th Mar. 1 p.m.	
Macao—Per Sui Tai, 10th Mar., 1.15 p.m.	

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SHIPPING NEWS.

The s.s. Nippon Maru sailed from Kobe on the 16th inst., for San Francisco.

The s.s. Tanyo Maru sailed from Shanghai on the 18th inst., for San Francisco.

The s.s. Japan Maru sailed from Calcutta on the 18th inst., and may be expected here on the 22nd inst.

The s.s. Bujo Maru sailed from Kobe on the 16th inst., for Hongkong, and is expected on the 20th inst.

The s.s. Kryo Maru will be despatched from Honolulu on the 19th inst., for South American ports via Mexico.

The I. G. M. s.s. Yokohama Maru sailed from Shanghai, at 10 a.m., and may be expected here on the 19th inst., at 6 a.m.

The s.s. Hongkong Maru will be despatched from Calcutta on the 19th inst., for Hongkong, and is expected on the 23rd inst.

The C. P. R. Co.'s s.s. Empress of Japan, which left here on the 24th ult., arrived at Vancouver, B.C. on the 16th inst., at 1 a.m.

The s.s. Chiyo Maru will be despatched from San Francisco on the 27th inst., en route to Hongkong via Honolulu, Yokohama, Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai.

The s.s. Shinyo Maru sailed from Yokohama on the 17th inst., en route to Hongkong via Kobe, Nagasaki and Manila, and is expected to arrive on the 30th inst.

The P. M. S. S. Co.'s s.s. Korea from San Francisco will sail from Manila on the 20th inst., and will be due to arrive at Hongkong on the 22nd inst., at 10 a.m.

The I. G. M. s.s. Lutzow, carrying the German Mail with dates from Berlin of the 21st ult., left Singapore on Sunday at 8 a.m., and may be expected here on the 21st inst., at 2 p.m.

ARRIVALS.

Hanchow, Pr. s.s., 992, Nyers, 16th Mar.—Iloilo 12th Mar., Ballast.—B. & S.	
Antenor, Br. s.s., 3,661, L. Harbord, 16th Mar.—Singapore 10th Mar., Gen.—B. & S.	
Shinoharu Maru, Jap. s.s., 1,939, J. Den, 16th Mar.—Moji 10th Mar., Gen.—O. S. K.	
Tjipanas, Dut. s.s., 8,815, Vebert, 16th Mar.—Batavia 6th Mar., Sugar and Gen.—J. C. J. L.	
Wahu, Br. s.s., 1,227, Howard, 16th Mar.—Manila 13th Mar., Hemp.—B. & S.	

Chip Shing, Br. s.s., 1,199, Mooney, 17th Mar.—Tientsin 10th Mar., Gen.—J. M. & Co.	
Atrous, Br. s.s., 4,290, J. Riley, 17th Mar.—Shanghai 10th Mar., Gen.—B. & S.	
Chenau, Br. s.s., 1,860, L. Jones, 17th Mar.—Shanghai 14th Mar., Gen.—B. & S.	
Kwanglin, Chi. s.s., 1,580, Stewart, 17th Mar.—Shanghai 14th Mar., Gen.—O. M. S. N. Co.	
Landrat, Scheff, Ger. s.s., 1,016, Brugger, 17th Mar.—Bangkok and Swatow 16th Mar., Gen.—B. & S.	

Kubi, Br. s.s., 2,797, S. A. Crosby, 17th Mar.—Manila 14th Mar., Gen.—S. T. & Co.	
Samsen, Ger. s.s., 998, R. Petersen, 17th Mar.—Bangkok and Swatow 16th Mar., Rice and Gen.—N. D. L.	
Vorwarts, Aust. s.s., 3,727, R. Danneker, 17th Mar.—Trizate and Moji 12th Mar., Gen.—S. W. & Co.	

On Sang, Br. s.s., 1,787, A. G. Smith, 17th Mar.—Chingwan 10th Mar., Gen.—O. E. & M. Co.	
Dovre, Nor. s.s., 733, F. Sigeland, 17th Mar.—Haiphong 10th Mar., Gen.—Wo Yok S. S. Co.	
Empiro, Br. s.s., 2,813, St. John, 18th Mar.—Manila 16th Mar., Gen.—G. L. & Co.	
Michael Jensen, Ger. s.s., 951, J. Petersen, 18th Mar.—Haiphong and Hoihow 16th Mar., Gen.—J. & Co.	
Peri, Br. s.s., 4,916, W. W. Cooke, 18th Mar.—Yokohama 6th Mar., Gen.—P. & O. Co.	
Ceylon, Br. s.s., 2,637, A. G. A. Baker, 18th Mar.—London 3rd Feb. G. N. and Iron.—P. & O. S. N. Co.	
Kueichow, Br. s.s., 1,215, E. Forryth, 19th Mar.—Canton 17th Mar., Gen.—B. & S.	
Kent, Br. s.s., 9,800, A. T. Hunt, 18th Mar.—Chingwan 12th Mar.	

DEPARTED.

Mar. 17.	
Haiphong, for Swatow, Daiho-maru, for Swatow.	
Hoihow, for Swatow, American, for Kwongchowwan.	
Wardha, for Yokohama (Chepa), for Canton.	
Monmouth, Br. s.s., for Singapore.	
Klob, Fr. cruiser, for Haiphong.	

Mar. 18.	
Chingwan, for Shanghai.	
Kueichow, for Swatow.	
Tungwai, for Shanghai.	
Wahu, for Shanghai.	
Empire, for Yokohama.	
Cleveland, for Hongkong.	
Yokohama, for Yokohama.	

VESSELS IN PORT.

STEAMERS.

Anglin, Ger. s.s., 1,001, Chr. Kumpel;
10th Mar.—Bangkok 9th Mar., Gen.—B. & S.